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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly   **BILL NO.**
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Representative Frelich

1   A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 16.1-03-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,

2   relating to political party reorganization; to provide an effective date; and to provide an

3   expiration date.

4   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5   **SECTION 1.** Section 16.1-03-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and

6   enacted as follows:

7   **16.1-03-17.1 Political party reorganization following court order.**

8   1.   If a court order causes the legislative districts outlined under section 54-03-01.14 to

9   become effective by March 20, 2026, each political party in an affected district shall

10   organize or reorganize as closely as possible in conformance with this chapter to

11   assure compliance with primary election filing deadlines.

12   2.   If a court order causes the legislative districts outlined under section 54-03-01.14 to

13   become effective between March 21, 2026, and August 19, 2026, each political party

14   in an affected district shall organize or reorganize as closely as possible in

15   conformance with this chapter. Following reorganization, regardless of whether a

16   candidate has submitted a nominating petition or a certificate of endorsement to the

17   secretary of state for an upcoming primary election or a candidate has been elected at

18   the primary election, the district committee of a party entitled to ballot access under

19   section 16.1-11-30 shall nominate a candidate and issue a certificate of endorsement

20   to each legislative office placed on the ballot. A nomination occurring after a candidate

21   is elected at a primary election supersedes the results of that election and a certificate

22   of nomination issued as a result of the primary election is void. This subsection does

23   not preclude a candidate who failed to receive a nomination under this subsection

1   from appearing on the general election ballot as an independent candidate under

2   section 16.1-12-02.

3   3.   If a court order causes the legislative districts outlined under section 54-03-01.14 to

4   become effective after August 19, 2026, the candidates elected at the June 9, 2026,

5   primary election under the legislative district boundaries in place on August 19, 2026,

6   must be placed on the next general election ballot.

7   4.   This section applies to districts 9, 14, and 15.

8   **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective upon its filing with the

9   secretary of state.

10   **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through December 31, 2026, and

11   after that date is ineffective.